

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

**JILL WORLEY,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**KILOLO KIJAKAZI,**

**Acting Commissioner of Social Security,**

**Defendant.**

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**Case No. 1:20-CV-199 PLC**

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's application for attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. [ECF No. 20] Plaintiff requests an award of \$902.00, representing 4.4 hours of attorney work at a rate of \$205.00 per hour. Plaintiff also requests reimbursement of the filing fee in the amount of \$400.00. Plaintiff attaches "Affidavit and Assignment of EAJA Fee," in which she assigned any court-awarded fees to her attorney, the Parmele Law Firm, P.C. [ECF No. 20-3]

Defendant filed a response to Plaintiff's application for attorney fees, in which she states: "Defendant has no objection to Plaintiff's request for attorney fees under the EAJA in the amount of \$902.00." [ECF No. 22] Additionally, Defendant "agrees that Plaintiff should be compensated for the filing fee of \$400.00 from the Judgment Fund administered by the United States Treasury." [Id.] Defendant requests that the Court "enter an order specifically awarding attorney fees of \$902.00 to be paid by the Social Security Administration, and costs of \$400.00 to be paid from the Judgment Fund." [Id.] She notes, however, that any award of attorney fees is subject to offset to satisfy any preexisting debt Plaintiff owes to the United States. See Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586 (2010).

After careful consideration,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's application for attorney fees [ECF No. 20] is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff is awarded EAJA attorney fees in the amount of \$902.00, subject to offset for any preexisting debt that the Plaintiff owes to the United States. After determining whether Plaintiff owes any debt to the United States that is subject to offset, Defendant is directed to pay the EAJA fees directly to Plaintiff's attorney.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that Plaintiff is awarded costs of \$400.00, to be paid from the Judgment Fund administered by the United States Treasury.



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PATRICIA L. COHEN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated this 27th day of August, 2021